

Learning Conversation Notes	
Name of Partner: Superior Court High Conflict Families (STEP)	Date: March 6, 2008
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Outcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separating parents of children prenatal through 5 participating in STEP will demonstrate cooperative co-parenting skills and provide a nurturing and child-focused environment that is in the best interests of their children's healthy development. 	
Performance Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demographics according to the categories mandated in the First 5 Placer Demographic Tool. In addition the following will be required; number of children served directly, the number of children served indirectly and the number of parents/caregivers served. Pre/post survey filled out by each parent to measure changes in co-parenting skills and child's environment. Pre/post survey completed by Parenting Specialist to measure change in co-parenting skills and child's environment. Placer Early Childhood Outcome Screen at intake, and thereafter at periodic intervals. Post Graduation Assessment at 4 months. 	
Number of Children Served:	28 served indirectly
When served:	10/23/07 to 3/6/08
Gender:	
- Male	13
- Female	15
- Unknown	
Ages:	
- Prenatal	
- < 1 year	
- 1 year	7
- 2 years	4
- 3 years	11
- 4 years	3
- 5 years	3
- Unknown	
Ethnicity:	
- Alaskan Native/ American Indian	
- Asian	1
- Black/African American	3
- Hispanic/Latino	
- Pacific Islander	
- White	20
- Multiracial	4
- Other	

Number of Parents Served:	50
When served:	10/23/07 to 3/6/08
Gender:	
- Male	25
- Female	25
- Unknown	
Ages:	
- 20-24	
- 25-29	11
- 30-34	12
- 35-39	13
- 40-44	8
- 45-49	4
- 50-54	2
- Unknown	
Ethnicity:	
- Alaskan Native/ American Indian	
- Asian	3
- Black/African American	
- Hispanic/Latino	8
- Pacific Islander	
- White	38
- Multiracial	1
- Other	

What is this data telling us about achievement of outcomes?

Demographics

24 families representing 29 children exited the program.

Of the 28 children served 20 are continuing and 8 children are new to the program.

Only one child was identified to have special needs.

Most children are preschoolers. The majority are 3 year olds who are able to tolerate transitions better than younger toddlers.

Most of the parents served are in the 30-34 age range.

There are currently 15 children representing 15 families in phase 1 and 2 of the process. It is not unusual for some children to exit the program after phase 2 of the 5-phase process. (See data for detailed descriptions of each phase).

Pre survey filled out by parents

- Parents tended to rate themselves higher on intake than the Parenting Specialist rated them.
- Generally, the pre-surveys by both parents and the Parenting Specialist indicate most parents are not able to exchange the child without arguing.
- On average, for the 15 families representing 15 children, the pre scores are very low across all nine questions with the low scores being around the parents' ability to cooperatively co-parent their children.
- Both parents and the Parenting Specialist agree on the pre survey that the parents are unable to communicate without arguing and as a result their children are showing signs of stress.
- Post survey results will be available at the next Learning Conversation.

Pre/Post survey completed by the Parenting Specialist

This data for 11 families representing 13 children is more like post-survey data because the pre-survey was not yet developed when these parents entered the program. (One child has been placed with a guardian because the parents could not resolve their conflict and it became a safety issue for the child)

- On average all families are doing well. Therefore, they are on their way to being exited. However, parents rate themselves slightly lower than the Parenting Specialist (as a group) in their ability to work together to make necessary changes when the need arises to meet the needs of the child and also in their ability to cooperatively co-parent. This could be an indication of the self confidence levels of the parents to be sustainable independent of the program and the Parenting Specialist.

Exited Families

- A group of 19 families have exited the program which includes 9 fathers as the primary caregiver and 10 mothers as the primary caregiver.
- There were two families that were prematurely exited with two children. These cases were exited because one party was no longer interested in co-parenting.
- Additionally, there were 3 families with 3 children exited from the program. Three parents continued the program for a short period of time to receive services for their children without the other parent's participation.

Placer Early Childhood Outcome Screens

14 children of 28 children have pre and post screens (5 males and 9 females).

- All 14 children are achieving the safety indicator and are safe.
- 12 of the 14 children are now achieving the indicator regarding exposure to drugs, tobacco and alcohol.
- Emotional Development - 12 children improved and 2 remained the same. Started out lower than the other indicators. While this indicator came in lower, progress has been made, but slower than the others which makes sense considering the child's exposure to high conflict.
- None of the children were living in a safe/stable and nurturing environment prior to receiving services, but now all 14 children are achieving this indicator.

Early Childhood Exit Screens for the 27 Children at exit

- Six children who were exited from the program could still benefit from additional services beyond the STEP program in order to achieve healthy development.

Next Steps:

Bring post surveys completed by the Parenting Specialist and the parents for all families exiting the program.

Bring pre surveys completed by the Parenting Specialist and the parents for all families enrolled in the program.

Bring first Outcome Screen data for all children included in the demographic tool and additional outcome screen data as it is applicable.

Simplify data presentation.

Next learning conversation will be held Tuesday, August 5, 2008 1: 15 pm – 4:45 pm.